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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to higher on mediums. The market tone was steady to cautiously steady beginning the week. Demand was light to moderate, instances fairly good in spot locations. Supplies were in balance to close on extra large and medium and sufficient to available on large eggs. Breaking stock supplies were short to adequate for a quiet to good demand. Light type fowl were about sufficient for the moderate to good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest delivered prices were lower for the larger sizes and slightly higher for mediums. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to at times fairly good. Food service movement was light to usually moderate. Supplies were in balance to close for jumbo, extra large, and medium and were adequate to fully adequate for large. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were quiet as most breakers assess current needs. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers
EXTRA LARGE	42-52	43-49	
LARGE	41-51	42-45	
MEDIUM	23-33	25-28	
			RANGE MOSTLY
			LARGE 24-33 28
			MEDIUM 7-12 10
			SMALL 5-7

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on extra large and large, unchanged on medium when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to cautiously steady entering the week. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to to available for present trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for normal processing schedules. Light type hens were about adequate for the moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53-72	58-59
LARGE	47-61	52-56
MEDIUM	24-37	29-32

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were lower for the larger sizes and slightly higher for mediums. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was moderate to instances fairly good. Distributive movement was light to usually moderate. Supplies were in balance to close for jumbo, extra large, and medium and were adequate to fully adequate for large. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were quiet as most breakers assess current needs. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	57.5-66	59-62
LARGE	51.5-60	53-56
MEDIUM	29.5-38	31-34

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on the larger sizes and generally unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week. The market tone was mostly steady beginning the week. Demand was light to usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to available with large eggs in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were barely sufficient to adequate for a fair to good demand. Light type fowl were about adequate for the moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51.5-60	53-56
LARGE	54-57	51-54
MEDIUM	26.5-34	27-31

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices on all sizes were unchanged when compared to last Friday's prices. Trade sentiment was generally steady on mediums, at best steady on larger sizes. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	61-65
LARGE	59-63
MEDIUM	36-40

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49-58	51-55
LARGE	48-57	49-51
MEDIUM	30-39	33-35

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on jumbo and extra large, 3 cents lower on large, and 1 cent higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 4% higher than last Monday with California unchanged and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 14%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on jumbo and extra large, 3 cents lower on large, and 1 cent higher on medium and small. The California inventory was unchanged from last Monday. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings fully adequate. Small benchmark price 46.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	114
EXTRA LARGE	100
LARGE	85
MEDIUM	66

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
	RANGE	RANGE
JUMBO	259-309	279-379
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	219-309
LARGE	199-229	249-289
MEDIUM	179-199	189-219

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 05, 2005 will decrease by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 29, 2005 were 212,618 cases which was 3 percent below the prior week and 2 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	175,156	37,462	212,618
% change from the prior week.....	-3	-2	-3

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were quiet as most breakers assess current needs. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	25-28	28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-18	14-16
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF  
01-AUG-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.25-16.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13.75	12.92

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were adequate for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF  
01-AUG-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-16.25 CENTS/LB.	12-14	13.21

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT  
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AUGUST 01, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO		5-Area
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.5	13.9	6.0	9.0	8.5
	Change	0.0	4.8	0.8	-1.1	-1.0
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.3	44.4	17.2	24.1	30.3
	Change	0.8	3.5	6.5	2.2	-3.3
Large	Curr Wk	50.4	160.3	69.5	96.8	88.5
	Change	1.4	20.5	10.2	13.7	-2.2
Medium	Curr Wk	14.8	63.8	20.3	37.8	35.2
	Change	-1.8	6.2	4.1	-0.1	3.1
Small	Curr Wk	12.0	14.9	4.4	12.1	5.7
	Change	0.2	-3.3	-0.4	1.9	1.2
Misc	Curr Wk	4.1	37.5	10.0	13.7	6.5
	Change	-0.4	-2.0	0.0	-0.3	0.9
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.1	57.3	25.4	32.4	31.9
	Change	6.9	0.2	3.4	5.6	8.4
Total	Curr Wk	145.2	392.1	152.8	225.9	206.6
Percent	Change	5%	8%	19%	11%	4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1122.6	9%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	260.2	2%	35
Total Shell Egg	1382.8	8%	210

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF JULY 18, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 29, 2005

CURRENT LOADS 21.25 FUTURE LOADS 9.00 TOTAL LOADS 30.25

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								CROSS FUTURE LOADS																	
SE				NE				MW				LOADS				SC				NW				SW				LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	32.00	--		32.50	34.00	--	--	2.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	GL W XL	--	--	--	--
GNR W 2	--	--		31.00	32.00	--	--	1.00	GL W LG	--	--	--	48.00	GL W LG	--	--	--	48.00	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	GL W LG	--	--	--	--
GNR BR 1	--	--		--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W MD	25.00	--	--	31.25	GL W MD	25.00	--	--	31.25	GL W MD	25.00	--	--	--	GL W MD	25.00	--	--	--	GL W MD	25.00	--	--	--
GL W XL	--	--		45.00	47.00	38.00	--	5.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--
GL W LG	--	--		--	--	33.75	--	7.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--
GL W MD	--	--		--	--	19.50	21.00	3.00																									
GL W SM	--	--		13.00	15.00	--	--	1.00																									
GL BR XL	--	--		--	--	36.25	--	.50																									
GL BR LG	--	--		--	--	34.25	--	1.75																									
NRBS - 42	--	--		--	--	--	--	4.00																									
NRBS - 39	--	16.00		--	--	14.00	--	2.00																									

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 25, 2005-JULY 29, 2005

CURRENT LOADS 89.25 FUTURE LOADS 39.50 TOTAL LOADS 128.75

SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	33.67	--	32.50	35.00	36.00	--	10.00	GNR W 1	44.50	--	--	--	--	45.83	4.00
GNR W 2	--	--	32.75	34.00	--	--	2.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	61.00	.25
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	43.88	51.00	--	58.50	--	52.73	15.00
GL W J	--	--	62.00	63.00	50.00	54.00	3.25	GL W LG	35.60	38.11	--	52.98	--	43.12	24.00
GL W XL	--	47.85	46.60	48.00	42.07	--	28.25	GL W MD	23.58	23.86	--	31.25	--	30.44	9.25
GL W LG	--	48.00	35.25	38.33	34.71	--	26.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	48.00	.50
GL W MD	23.00	18.00	--	25.00	20.13	21.82	18.50	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	46.00	2.75
GL W SM	17.50	19.00	13.00	15.00	--	--	4.00	NRBS - 42	--	14.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	36.25	--	.50								
GL BR LG	--	42.00	--	--	34.25	--	2.75								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	30.00	26.08	28.29	19.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	24.00	3.00								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	23.00	6.00								
NRBS - 39	--	16.00	--	--	14.00	19.00	4.00								
NRBS - 36	--	--	13.00	15.00	--	--	1.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	07/25/05	07/18/05	07/26/04
PACIFIC COAST	277	203	157
LOS ANGELES	272	198	110

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is lower on larger sizes, steady on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Demand is moderate.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

## MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	76.90
LARGE	68.95
MEDIUM	44.18
SMALL	35.00

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